



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 343

By Representative Cooper

and

Senators Harper, Ford

A RESOLUTION recognizing Pastor Samuel L. Ford on the occasion of his Thirty-fifth Anniversary as the Pastor of West Canaan Missionary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Samuel L. Ford is one such stalwart servant of the Lord who has faithfully served as the Pastor of the West Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Millington for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ford has used his vision and compassion to thrust this exemplary church into service as a beacon of light for twenty-first century ministry; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ford, a retired carpenter, is a thirty-five-year member of the local carpenters' union and is a paragon of dependability within his community; and

WHEREAS, he is the former president of the Friendship District Association Congress and holds active membership within the Baptist Ministerial Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ford is a member of the 1961 graduating class of Carver High School and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from the Tennessee School of Religion; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as a religious leader and humble servant of God, Pastor Ford has demonstrated the utmost compassion, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the many and diverse members of his congregation at the West Canaan Missionary Baptist Church; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Pastor Samuel L. Ford on the celebration of his Thirty-fifth Anniversary as the Pastor at West Canaan Missionary Baptist Church and extend our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 5, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR